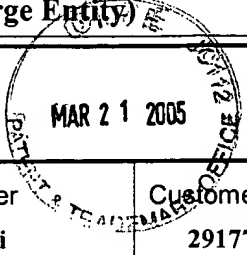


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| <b>COMBINED AMENDMENT &amp; PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF<br/>TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)</b> | Docket No.<br><b>112740-652</b> |
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| Invention: <b>METHOD FOR ADJUSTING THE LEVEL OF OPTICAL SIGNALS</b> |
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 17, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: December 17, 2004      until: March 17, 2005  
*Date*      *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                                    |                                     |                             |                                |               |                   |
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|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE          | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 26    -                             | 31    =                     | 0                              | x    \$50.00  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 5    -                              | 5    =                      | 0                              | x    \$200.00 | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT                                    |                                     |                             |                                |               | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME                            |                                     |                             |                                |               | \$1,020.00        |
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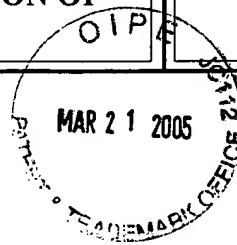
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$1,020.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
  - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: March 17, 2005

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